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STICKSTOFFWERKE PIESTERITZ: CURRENT PRODUCTION AND BUILDING EXTENSIONS PLAN  
FOR 1951/1952.

1. Production of carbide is 530 tons daily. Almost the entire output is used for the manufacture of nitrogen fertilizer.
2. The works are equipped with 6 LINDE plants. One has been out of action for some time and a second was destroyed by an explosion at the beginning of June 1951. A 12,000 KW transformer was also destroyed in this explosion which is said to have been caused by the strong acetylene content of the air sucked into the furnace.
3. This has resulted in a drop in output and the deficiency is being covered by a delivery of 1,200 tons carbide per month by BUNA-WERKE SCHKOPAU, w.e.f. June 1951. The provision of new plant is difficult as it would have to come from the West.
4. The first new construction to be undertaken under the building programme of the Five Year Plan is a phosphorus furnace. Preliminary building work is already in progress and it is scheduled to be ready for operation at the end of 1951. It is anticipated that PIESTERITZ will then be in a position to meet the total phosphorus requirements of the DDR.
5. A further extension to the Works is planned for 1952 when a modern carbide furnace is to be built.
6. At the end of 1951 it is proposed to introduce the manufacture of a plastic material similar to plexiglass which will be used for the production of safety glass and dental plate plastic.

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